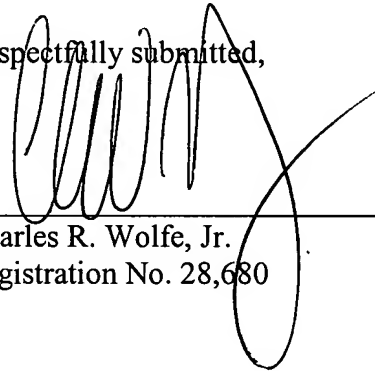


REMARKS

The present claims differ from the pending claims of the parent application (U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/831,945) because they require that urine can be "drained from the bladder of the user through both the suprapubic and urethral end portions of the catheter." This limitation is not disclosed or suggested by the prior art cited in the parent application.

The present application is in condition for examination. In the event that there are any questions relating to this Preliminary Amendment or to the application in general, it would be appreciated if the examiner would telephone the undersigned attorney concerning such questions so that the prosecution of this application may be expedited.

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